

Weekly Press Forum.



Elyria (O.) Democrat: The democratic party has enough good men to select a candidate from.

Poplarville (Miss.) Free Press: Parliament has adjourned once more—but the Boers are keeping in continuous session, all the same.

Bloomfield (Ind.) Democrat: The Dingley tariff may be classed as an institution to help foreign countries to get their American goods cheaper than the Americans can.

Janesville (Wis.) Recorder: Mr. Babcock says that protection is also intended to protect the consumers. Oh, go away, Babbie. It's too late in the day for you to turn humorist.

Columbia (Mo.) Herald: Sam Cook says Missouri will reaffirm the Kansas City platform. And Sam Cook knows as much about political conditions as anybody in this blessed state.

Beaumont (Tex.) Journal: The British are killing more Dutch Boers in "refugee" camps than Dutch soldiers in the fields. Those in the camps are unarmed and are more easily killed.

Petaluma (Cal.) Courier: When a question of principle in law is involved there is no reason why the bar association should regard the court as too sacred to be made the subject of discussion.

Albany (Ore.) Democrat: There continues to be a great deal of cheap talk about reorganizing the democratic party, but this is principally talk. The democratic party will reorganize itself as the occasion comes.

North Vernon (Ind.) Sun: Labor of this country is certainly getting a dose of injunctions. No one to blame but labor itself. It placed this power in the hands of capital and capital is not so foolish as not to use it.

Bridgeport (Conn.) Star: The democratic party was right in '96—it was everlastingly right in 1900—it is eternally right in 1901, and the "common people" know it! Victory's goddess has no use for the policy of pottage!

Monmouth (Ill.) Democrat: Any lowering of the demands of the Kansas City and Chicago platforms would be in the interest of monopoly and would result in the triumph of the nine leaders of plutocracy, instead of democracy.

Geddes (S. D.) Record: It should be borne in mind that what does not suit them does suit others, and it is not the Benedict Arnolds that we seek to suit. Better a thousand times that democracy go down in defeat than surrender to Wall street.

Norton (Kas.) Liberator: Why this smile of satisfaction when the republican politician reads of the possible failure of the great steel strike? This same fellow grew eloquent—yes, tearfully eloquent during the past campaign while reciting his love for the working man.

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: He that doubts is condemned already, is a trite saying and in politics is as true as in religion. The democrat who vacillates and tries to carry the evils of republicanism into the democratic party is an enemy to his party and to his country.

Hot Springs (S. D.) Times-Herald: A judge will issue an injunction that will interfere with the liberty of the striker, will put him in jail for merely speaking to a non-union man, but will never give the striker a hearing or issue an injunction against the trusts. What is the reason?

Winchester (Ind.) Democrat: Mr. Bryan's disavowal of any connection with a third party movement will send cold chills up and down the spinal column of the republicans who are basing their hopes upon democratic dissension. Democrats have no quarrel among themselves now. There are too many infamous movements to antagonize in the republican party for them to waste their energy in senseless bickerings. Mr. Bryan knows this and is acting accordingly.

Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Gazette: The place to fight the trusts is at the polls, and the workingmen should have the support of the merchants and all other classes who depend on the prosperity of labor. So long as the battle is left to the men in one trade the trusts will win.

Gonzales (Tex.) Herald: Roosevelt, at a big labor day celebration at Minneapolis, said the great combinations of wealth in industrial fields must be controlled. The republican party does not seem to be doing much in that line, yet Mr. Roosevelt is one of the big chiefs in the wig-wag.

Lexington (Ga.) Herald: That wholesale poisoning of soldiers at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, Wednesday, from eating canned goods would seem to indicate that our troops have more to fear from those with whom contracts are made to feed them than they have from the armed forces of enemies.

Batesville (Ark.) Guard: If those sensitive persons who object to Mr. Littlefield's lawyerlike discussion of the supreme court's decision in the Porto Rico tariff case will read Justice Harlan's dissenting opinion in that case, they will find something to harrow up their very souls and make their hair stand straight on end.

Lancaster (O.) Democrat: Let this army of honest toilers be once awakened to the fact that trusts and republicanism is simply two different phases of the same force, that the one cannot exist without the other, and it will be but a child's play to destroy by the force of the ballot, both the trusts and the party at one blow.

Scribner (Neb.) News: A noticeable feature of the leading labor day orations this year was the fact that laboring men were urged to vote as they talk. It is useless for laboring men to declare against trusts, imperialism and government by injunction as long as they support a party that upholds or encourages those propositions.

Wausau (Wis.) Herald: The Herald does not contend that any platform a party may make is absolutely perfect, but what it does contend is that when a man goes out as a leader of his party and champions the cause of any candidate or any party platform, it is due from him that he give the public his reason for afterwards repudiating that candidate or platform.

Albany (Ore.) People's Press: Of course there are no classes in this country. Here we are all plain citizens. But have you noticed that a law benefiting the capitalist is easily passed and favorably interpreted, while laws intended to benefit the laboring man, are seldom passed and when so passed are usually declared unconstitutional? If there are no classes, why is this thus?

Hot Springs (S. D.) Times-Herald: We favor the strict adherence to the Monroe Doctrine which should mean that we do not intend that foreign powers shall acquire territory on this side of the ocean, neither should we "grab" territory on the other side of the water. We are uncompromisingly in favor of the restoration of silver to its constitutional place in our monetary system.

Mound City (Kas.) Standard: "The indorsement of the principles of the Declaration of Independence by the Kansas City platform and its insistence that those basic and time-honored principles be observed by this nation in its dealings with the inhabitants of our recently acquired 'colonial possessions,' probably constitute some of the 'folly and absurdities' the Globe-Democrat thinks may have to be taken from that instrument for the democratic platform of 1904. In fact, anything which tends to preserve genuine American ideals and retain the functions of government in the hands of the people who compose it is a 'folly and absurdity,' in the opinion of many other administration republican newspapers than the Globe-Democrat in these days of degenerated Americanism.

Gunnison (Colo.) News: Congressman Littlefield has been solemnly and publicly rebuked for daring to criticize the supreme court. Now will any of those republicans, who retain any portion of their Americanism, publicly rebuke the critics for their supreme assinnity. Abraham Lincoln not only assailed the supreme court, but he had splendid company.

Buffalo (Minn.) Gazette: There would be no advantage to the democrats to have men who are opposed to party principles, the principles of the people themselves, elected to fill all the offices. It is better to run men that are true to a platform that is true to the people and go down to a glorious defeat than to win on a platform made by opposers of the people and the people's interests.

Bristol (Tenn.) Courier: It is "right plum funny" to hear the republicans talk and read what the republicans say in their papers about what Watterson, Whitney, Hill and other fellows are going to do about a democratic candidate for the presidency. The democratic party will let the country know in plenty of time just what it proposes to do. Assistant republicans ain't running the democratic party.

Fairfield (Ill.) Sun: Even the best republicans are beginning to wonder how these protected industries can afford to go unprotected into the European market and undersell the European competitor. They do it just the same. Of course, they make money by the transaction. And the man whose labor is taxed to help support these industries at home becomes restive on learning that the laborer across the sea can purchase American goods cheaper than himself.

Georgetown (Ky.) Times: The republican party is responsible for trusts. Trusts are a disadvantage to the masses. If the great common people want to rid themselves of the incubus it can be done through the ballot box. An anti-trust congress and an anti-trust administration could soon knock out these combines. There is no probability of any unfriendly legislation against the hydra-headed monsters as long as the republican party remains in power.

Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle: A democrat who is a gold democrat simply because he believes in the principle of monometallism, will have no hesitation in joining his brother democrat, who believes just as sincerely in bimetalism, in fighting for equal taxation and against the corrupt corporate control of our legislature. It is only those who are gold democrats for revenue, who see any reason for the repudiation of authoritative principles and party reorganization.

Portsmouth (N. J.) News: The Boston Herald is getting to be about as free in its slurs of Rear Admiral Schley as in those of William J. Bryan, of which it indulges in from one to six per day. The trouble with the Herald, like most papers of its class, is that it has no use for any man in any capacity who happens to be a straightout democrat. It even soured on Dewey as soon as he let out the fact that he was a democrat. Not every republican pleases the Herald, it is true, but no democrat was ever known to.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: Whether the democratic party is to be a party of the people or a party of plutocracy is a matter of gravest concern to itself of course, and yet this is of minor importance compared with the country's interest in the question. It is the deliberate purpose of the gold and bond power to keep both the republican and democratic parties so led and controlled by corporations, trusts, franchise owners—and their agents—that it will make but little difference to the trusts which of the parties controls congress and elects the president. Both organizations, if controlled by employees of the trusts and corporations, would be equally sure to do the bidding of concentrated wealth.